

Date of Hearing: July 14, 2025

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES
Blanca Pacheco, Chair
HR 48 (Pellerin) – As Introduced July 10, 2025

SUBJECT: The 105th Anniversary of the 19th Amendment.

SUMMARY: Recognizes the 105 years since the passage of the 19th amendment, and urges all Californians to join in celebrating the anniversary of the 19th amendment. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) The 19th Amendment, which legally guaranteed American women the right to vote, was ratified on August 18, 1920. Nearly a decade prior, California became the sixth state in the nation to approve political equality, approving women's suffrage in California after the Legislature placed Proposition 4 on the ballot, which voters approved on October 10, 1911.
- 2) Initially introduced to Congress in 1878, suffragists picketed, lobbied states, and challenged male-only voting laws in courts until Congress passed the amendment on June 4, 1919.
- 3) Recognizing that although the amendment represented gains in women's enfranchisement, women of color were continually excluded for another 45 years until the passage of the Voting Rights Act of 1965.
- 4) Women with disabilities were only able to secure protections in 1990 after the passage of the Americans with Disabilities Act.
- 5) Women voters have improved the state by exercising their position at the ballot box, lobbying their representatives, and forming civic leagues nationwide.
- 6) The 19th Amendment played a pivotal role in promoting reproductive rights for women. As a result, women experienced economic progress with the increased availability of family-planning services and supplies, allowing more women to enroll in higher education and enter professional occupations.

FISCAL EFFECT: This resolution is keyed non-fiscal by Legislative Counsel.

REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:

Support

None on file

Opposition

None on file

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